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GEORGIA'S EGG PRODUCTION DOWN 3 PERCENT

The State's laying flocks produced 382 million eggs during July 2008, down 3 percent from the number produced in July of last year, according to the USDA, NASS, Georgia Field Office. July production included 200 million table eggs, down 3 percent from last year, and 182 million hatching eggs, down 3 percent from the previous year.

The average number of layers in all flocks, regardless of size, for July was 18.5 million, down 3 percent from a year ago. The average number consisted of 9.09 million layers in table egg flocks 30,000 and above, and 9.31 million layers for hatching eggs. Eggs laid per 100 layers during June averaged 2,066, up slightly from the previous year. All layers on August 1, 2008 totaled 18.5 million, down 4 percent from August 1, 2007 inventory. The rate of lay per day during July 2008 averaged 66.6 eggs per 100 layers, up slightly from the previous year.

July 2008 hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 123 million, was down 3 percent from July of the previous year. Egg-type chicks hatched during July totaled 1.83 million, down 16 percent from a year ago.

U.S. JULY EGG PRODUCTION UP SLIGHTLY

U.S. egg production totaled 7.60 billion during July 2008, up slightly from last year. Production included 6.49 billion table eggs, and 1.12 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.05 billion were broiler-type and 64 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during July 2008 averaged 336 million, down 1 percent from last year. July egg production per 100 layers was 2,262 eggs, up 1 percent from July 2007.

All layers in the U.S. on August 1, 2008 totaled 335 million, down 2 percent from last year. The 335 million layers consisted of 277 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 55.2 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.69 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on August 1, 2008, averaged 72.5 eggs per 100 layers, up 1 percent from August 1, 2007.

Egg-type chicks hatched during July 2008 totaled 37.9 million, up 5 percent from July 2007. Eggs in incubators totaled 33.0 million on August 1, 2008, up 2 percent from a year ago.

Broiler-type chicks hatched during July 2008 totaled 807 million, down 2 percent from July 2007. Eggs in incubators totaled 651 million on August 1, 2008, down 3 percent from a year earlier.